GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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EXPLOITATION OF COAL MINES BY PVT. COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allow commercial exploitation of coal mines by private parties;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL(DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a)to(c): A Bill to amend the Coal Mines(Nationalisation) Act, 1973 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha in April, 2000 with the following objectives :

i) To allow Indian companies to mine coal and lignite in the country without the existing restrictions of captive consumption.

ii) To allow Indian companies to undertake exploration of coal and lignite resources in the country.

The Bill is pending for consideration in the Rajya Sabha.